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Application of: SIMMONS, et al. )  
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 TO MICROFLUIDIC )  
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Commissioner for Patents  
 Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

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### INFORMATION DISCLOSURE STATEMENT UNDER 37 CFR §1.97

Sir:

Listed below on the attached Form PTO-1449 is information known to the Applicants. A copy of each of the listed publications is submitted herewith along with a concise explanation of information in a foreign language, if any, pursuant to 37 CFR §§1.97 and 1.98.

Applicant respectfully requests that the listed information be considered by the Examiner and be made of record in the above-identified application. Examiner is further requested to initial and return attached Form PTO-1449 in accordance with MPEP §609.

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☐ within three months of the filing date of a national application other than a continued prosecution application under §1.53(d); OR

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☐ a statement under §1.97(e); OR

☒ the fee required under 37 CFR §1.17(p).

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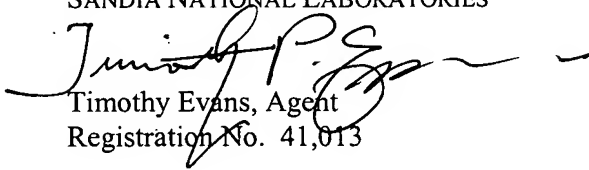
☐ a statement as specified under §1.97(e); AND

☐ the fee required under 37 CFR §1.17(p).

4. ☒ The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge Deposit Account No. 50-0583 in the amount of \$ 180.00, or the amount which is currently applicable. Fee sheet PTO/SB/17 and a duplicate copy of that paper is attached.

5. ☒ The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any underpayment of any additional fees or credit any overpayment associated with this communication to Deposit Account No. 50-0583

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